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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re:

Docket to Establish Generic Performance Measurements, Benchmarks and Enforcement Mechanisms for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Docket No. 01-00193

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed is a check from BellSouth in the amount of \$15,000 representing the payment for Late/Incomplete Reports penalties for the reposting of the SQM reports for the August, 2002 data month. This payment is being made consistent with the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. 01-00193.

In the future, BellSouth respectfully requests that it be allowed to make any payments which may become due to the Authority under the Tennessee Performance Assurance Plan utilizing the Automated Clearing House (ACH) of the Federal Reserve System. Any such future payments would be paperless credits directly to the checking account specified by the Authority. At the time any credit is issued, an e-mail will be generated to specified persons as to the amount of the credit and the reason for the payment.

The following information is needed in order to complete the preliminary steps in setting up the Authority to receive ACH credits:

Bank Name and Address Bank Routing/Transit Number

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> Bank Checking Account Number Name(s) and e-mail address(es) for notification of issuance of credit

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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